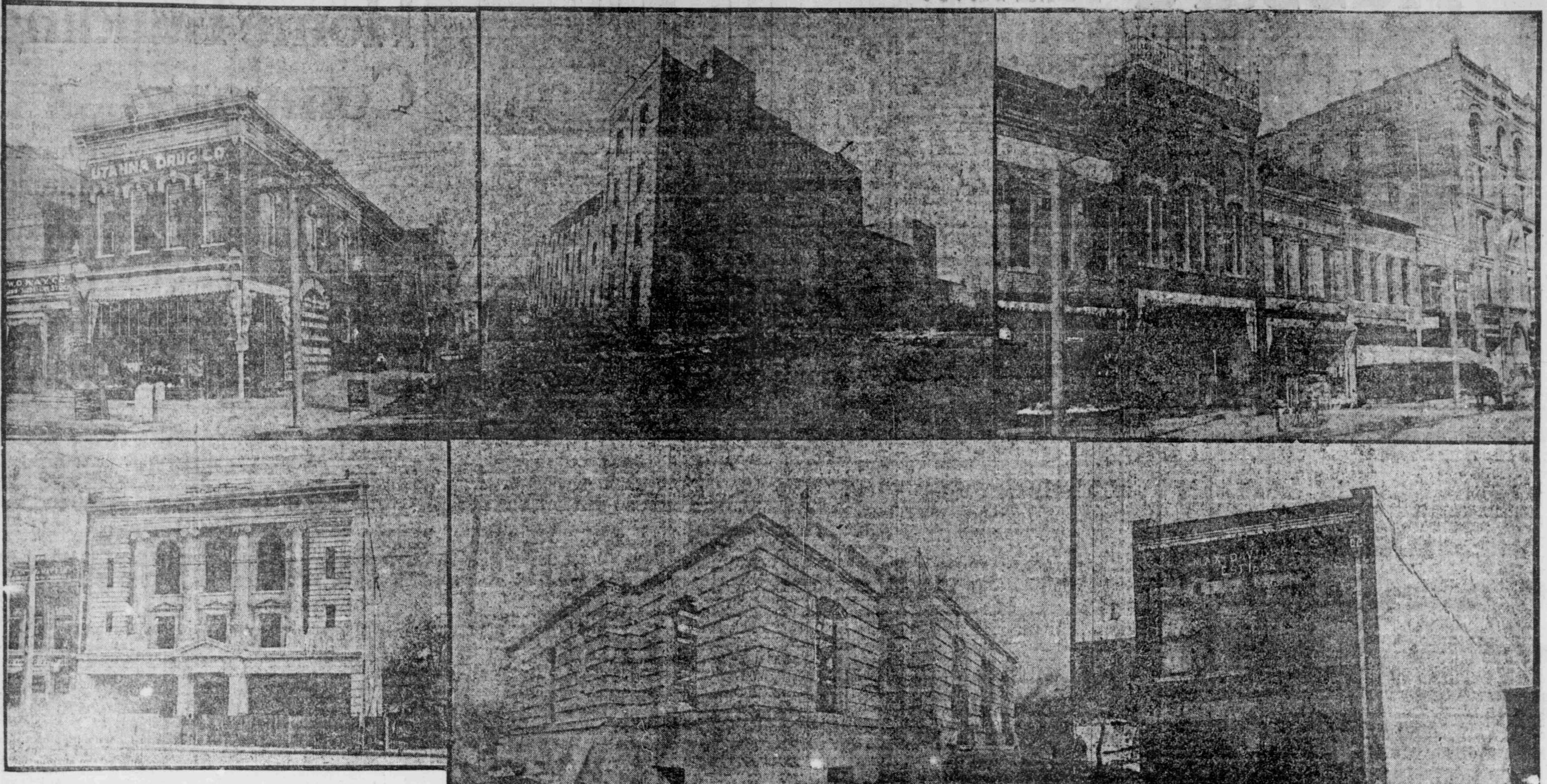


Ogden Grows Much and Citizens Prosper



AT THE CLOSE of the year 1905, Ogden City can point with pride to many things accomplished, looking toward the future interests of the place. The year has carried with it prosperity and progress of a substantial nature. This is perhaps best shown by the increase in the business handled by the banking institutions, of which there are six. The deposits aggregate \$4,400,000, with resources and liabilities in the aggregate of \$7,200,000. Real estate has been both active and staple. The city's population has increased materially during the year. It is estimated at between 25,000 and 27,000.

From a real estate man's point of view the year has been a decidedly prosperous one. To more clearly understand this statement, attention is called to the fact that the Gould railroad interests alone have expended \$100,000 for real estate in Ogden, and if the present plans are carried out their holdings will probably be doubled during the year 1906. In addition to the completion of extensive plans for improvements, actual work has been commenced on the enlargement of the Harriman and Gould properties. The year 1906 should, however, develop railroad improvements that will easily exceed the Ogden-Lucia cut-off proposition in regard to benefiting the city.

City Makes a Good Record.

Municipal improvements have been pushed forward during the year, with the result that a most creditable showing has been made. The total number of paved blocks in the city now are ten, all of which are paved with asphalt, ten additional blocks have been macadamized, making a total of thirty now in Ogden. The number of blocks of curbing and guttering have been increased from seventy-two to 160. There are now 169 blocks of cement sidewalks, against forty-seven in 1904. Street intersections made of cement have been increased by four. One-eighth of a mile of sewer was built during 1905, making a total of nineteen and one-eighth miles of sewer now in the city. The approximate cost of city improvements during 1905 is \$110,000. An estimate of the new buildings erected during the past year is placed at \$350,000. The business interests have increased to such an extent that many concerns have been forced to enlarge their houses. New warehouses and factories have been built and others are under contemplation. In addition to the large number of new and handsome residences that have been erected, many others are now under course of construction, with an increased demand for dwellings.

The street car lines of the city have been extended. Both the Independent and Bell Telephone companies have largely increased their service and territory. The latter company has completed a new addition to its main office in which it has installed an entirely new operating apparatus. The lines of the two companies have been extended to outlying districts, bringing the residents of the county in closer and more direct communication with the business interests of the city. The Postal and Western Union Telegraph companies have also improved their service, the latter having removed into larger and more commodious quarters, where they have established one of the largest dynamo systems in the intermountain country.

Havoc on the Farms.

Although it has truly been a prosperous year for the city of Ogden, the same cannot be said of the farming district of Weber county. The year has not been a prosperous one for the farmers and horticulturists. Different kinds of blight and in some instances drought affected the output materially. Especially the tomato, sugar beet and fruit output, which were considerably less than the year previous.

The loss in money to the farming and horticultural interests, however, is in a large measure overcome by the money brought to the city and the county by the Utah Construction company, which during 1905 developed into one of the largest concerns of its kind in the west. One single contract, secured recently by that company for the building of about 300 miles of the Western Pacific railroad, calls for the expenditure of \$10,000,000.

Good Building Record.

In Ogden City a new \$200,000 federal building is being erected by the government, and when completed will be one of the handsomest and best buildings in the place. The exterior of the building is to be of granite, and it is expected that the structure will be completed by 1908. The Masonic temple, now nearing completion, is a building that will be a credit to the city as well as to the organization. This building is classic in design and the exterior is constructed of Oolitic limestone. When completed the approximate cost will be \$55,000. The Simmons Hardware company of St. Louis, that uses Ogden for its distributing point for the northwest, has just completed an immense warehouse at a cost of \$40,000. The Becker Brewing & Malting company is completing a large extension to its plant at a cost of from \$15,000 to \$20,000, making it one of the largest breweries in the west. Max Davidson is erecting a new cigar factory at an expenditure of about \$17,000, which he will occupy within a short time with an increased force of employees. The Utah National bank has placed an addition to its building at a cost of \$10,000. The St. Louis building, owned by the Commercial National bank, is being remodeled and an additional story built upon it. The department store of Last Thomas has been increased by the addition of another store which gives this firm twice the amount of space used previously, and the entire front of the structure has been remodeled. The Utahna drug store building has been practically rebuilt, making it one of the handsomest corners in the city. The Elitte and Falstaff cafe buildings and the Badcon corner building have also been remodeled extensively, while the new store building has been practically rebuilt, making it one of the handsomest corners in the city. The Elitte and Falstaff cafe buildings and the Badcon corner building have also been remodeled extensively, while the new store building has been practically rebuilt, making it one of the handsomest corners in the city.

Future Outlook Bright.

Looking toward the future, there is much to strengthen the belief that the rapid strides made during the past will continue during the new year. John Seawright & Sons company, that controls the largest wholesale business in the city, has plans ready for the building of an additional large warehouse. The work upon this will commence in the spring. It will mean the outlay of many thousands of dollars. It is definitely stated that a company headed by David Eccles will erect a smelter near the Ogden Hot Springs, about five miles from the city. The plans call for an expenditure of over \$1,000,000. This proposition, if carried out, will alone mean much prosperity for Ogden, as it is expected that much of the ore from the Nevada mines will then come to Ogden. The smelter is to have a capacity of over 100 tons of ore per day.

Big Reservoir Scheme.

Another project that means much for Ogden and Weber county is the building of an immense storage reservoir at the head of the Ogden canyon, by the Utah Light & Railway company, which has been laboring with the proposition for the past ten years. This year, however, bids fair to see the completion of this great undertaking and the outlaying of over \$1,500,000. With the completion of this great reservoir many hundreds of acres of arid land in the Salt Lake valley and Weber county will be irrigated, thus largely increasing the agricultural and horticultural interests of the county. The plans for the building of this dam, which will store the waters of the three forks of the Ogden river, show that the reservoir will be a three-pronged affair, with the waters backing up for a distance of three miles on either of the forks of the river. The intention is not alone to furnish water for the irrigation of land, but also to furnish power for all purposes in Ogden City and elsewhere. The proposed dam will cover 2,500 acres of land, the greater portion of which is now under cultivation. This tract of land is small, however, when compared with the great acreage that would be benefited by the irrigation that would be had for the lands in the Salt Lake valley.

Will Build Salt Refinery. The Association Salt company has decided to build a refinery at Promontory point, on the line of the Southern Pacific railroad a short distance from Ogden on the Great Salt Lake. The building of this refinery calls for an outlay of about \$15,000. Wright & Sons are planning a large addition to the largest department store in Ogden and when completed they will concentrate their business, which is at the present time carried on in four stores, to the main building. For this purpose the upper stories of the structure will be brought into use and two elevators will be installed.

All Churches Prosper.

The Ogden churches have been keeping pace with the progress of the city and, in addition to a number of improvements added to the different edifices, two new churches are under contemplation. The Germans of the city are perfecting arrangements for the building of a German Evangelical church. At the same time efforts are under way for securing funds to build an African Episcopal church. The followers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have decided that the city has outgrown the present Mormon tabernacle and are at this time considering plans for the building of a much larger edifice, which will be erected in the center of the Tabernacle square. St. Joseph's Catholic church dedicated, on Christmas day, an altar, or series of three altars, which have but few equals in the country and which were erected at a cost of \$5,000. Almost a year was occupied in their construction and the entire workmanship was done in Ogden. The altars are built of finely carved wood, with onyx columns and marble sides. The work is finished in white enamel, giving the entire work a marble effect. In the small alcoves a number of electric bulbs are connected, which shed mellow rays of light over the altars.

The Presbyterians began worshipping in their new church during the early spring, and at present use the old structure as a Sunday school room, for which it is admirably adapted. The Weber stake of the Mormon church has established a new ward in the county, which has been named the Middleton ward in honor of C. F. Middleton of Ogden.

Schools Make Fine Record.

Both the city and county schools have kept pace with the progress of the times, the number of children in attendance being augmented each year, necessitating an increase in school accommodations. In the past ten years the Ogden City schools have advanced from seven small buildings, with seventeen rooms, owned by the district, and twelve additional rooms rented, until today the school district of the city owns twelve new modern buildings, representing one hundred and ten rooms. No rooms are rented and all the small and insanitary buildings have been abolished. There are at the present time 4,285 children of school age in the city—almost double the number ten years ago. The last report of the year 1905 shows that of this number 4,500 are enrolled in the schools. The Ogden High school has made marked improvement during the past few years until today it stands forth as one of the most complete and up-to-date institutions in the state. It has an enrollment of something over 400. The number of teachers employed in the city is 120, and the average number of pupils per class room, 42.

The revenues for the year 1905 will reach about \$125,000. Since 1890 over \$1,000,000 has been expended on the public schools of Ogden. The city tax for school purposes at the present time amounts to 7.2 mills. Four kindergartens have been established in accordance with the act passed by the legislature in 1902, and more kindergartens will be placed in other buildings this year. In recognition of the school work of Ogden, at the Portland exposition a gold medal was received for work in elementary education and also for High school work.

The present members of the board of education are: Dr. R. S. Joyce, president; Henry W. Gwilliam, vice president; Dr. E. M. Conroy, H. H. Thomas and Asael Farr; William Allison, superintendent; E. S. Rolapp, clerk, and James F. Burton, treasurer. The one sad feature in connection with the school system during the year just closed was the death of the late Judge Thomas D. Dee, who was at the time of his demise president of the board of education. Mr. Dee was the most prominent figure in the history of the schools of Ogden, having been connected with them in different capacities for over twenty-five years.

County Schools in Good Form.

The Weber county schools were never in better condition than they are at this time. The enrollment is 2,051, an increase of about 20 per cent. There are now thirty-five schools in the county and about sixty rooms. Thirty-one of the school buildings are owned by the county and four are rented. The schools have eight grades, and at Huntsville a high school department was recently established. In this department an entrance fee of \$5 is charged, and it has an enrollment of between fifteen and twenty. Perhaps the most important event during the past year was when the different school districts were consolidated into one district, which occurred July 5. Before the consolidation there were forty-eight trustees, and each school district was run upon a different set of ideas, but when the new consolidated district was formed and the county board of education took charge a decided advantage became apparent through having all things uniform. The new board meets once each week when reports from all the different sections of the county are received and all troubles adjusted. In this way a higher standard of work is being turned out than ever before. Through the consolidation a saving has been made of about \$1,000 in purchasing school supplies alone, in addition to a reduction in the cost in other departments.

The amount of \$3,250 per month is paid out for teachers' salaries, and the janitors' salaries each month reach \$285. The members of the board of education receive \$100 per annum for their services. The county tax for school purposes at this time amounts to 8.5 mills, and the amount received for school purposes during 1905 was in the sum of \$23,615. Under the old system prior to the consolidation each district levied its own tax according to the needs of the district, and the levy varied from 1 to 10 mills in the different districts. Now the levy is made by the county commissioners and is made uniform. The revenue from the state and county tax would bring the amount of tax money received for school purposes up to about \$40,000 during the school year. The members of the board of education for 1905 were Frank Stratford, president; J. B. Carter, vice president; Lester Froerer, Anton Christensen and B. F. Playlock; W. N. Peterson, superintendent; S. G. Dye, clerk, and J. B. Randall, treasurer.

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agement and many improvements, all of which point toward the betterment of the institution. On Nov. 1, 1905, the resignation of E. M. Allison, sr., became effective, and on that date H. H. Thomas was installed as superintendent and W. E. Kneass as assistant. The new officers at once inaugurated many changes in the conduct of affairs and all have been for the greater convenience of officers and instructors, the better control and training of the inmates, and for the more systematic administration of affairs in general. A daily detail table has been formulated, covering each week what is changed to suit the ensuing week each Saturday. This system eliminates any confusion in connection with giving out details and at the same time shows who is responsible for the control, care and training of each inmate. A daily routine card which gives the programme of work and training each day has also been inaugurated. This card is made up on a military order, being the handwork of the assistant superintendent, who is also captain of company B, Utah national guard. A printing plant has been installed and the printing for the school is thus turned out. A number of other improvements have been inaugurated and several new buildings added.

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A. Garner. The following statement will show the volume of business handled during 1905:

Total receipts	\$ 64,676 48
30,345 domestic money orders issued amounting to	172,242 42
Domestic money order fees	1,296 46
848 international money orders issued amounting to	26,506 06
International money order fees	250 19
Money order deposits issued	1,638 39
8,727 domestic money orders paid, amounting to	216,873 31
174 international money orders paid, amounting to	4,470 75
Amount paid railway postal clerks	34,076 12
Amount paid office clerks and carriers	26,311 62
Total cash received and disbursed	\$74,685 76

Registry Business.

Through registered pouches and inner sacks received and despatched	16,065
Desk and carrier deliveries at main office and station	12,613
Total number registered articles handled	191,383

Beauties of Ogden Canyon.

One of America's wonders, that Ogden and Weber county lay claim to, is the famous Ogden canyon, which is worthy of much note for its beauty and splendor. Each year finds the number of visitors to this place increasing, and although but little advertised, its future is bright and it is destined to be in the front rank of the wonders of the world. This canyon is a splendid specimen of the finished work which nature reveals. For centuries the waters and other elements that have been wearing and grinding away upon the rocky walls and barriers of the range. In time the channel was made and the waters of the Ogden river now wind their way through one of the richest valleys of the country to the Great Salt Lake. Those who once visit the scenes of beauty in the canyon, herald it throughout the land.

Recognizing this fact as well as the fact that its destiny among the wonders of the country is assured, one of the largest and best equipped hotels in the state has been erected by W. G. Wilson, and is known as the New Hermitage, the doors of which were thrown open during 1905. Already two electric lines are under contemplation, by which visitors will be enabled to reach the mouth of the canyon within a short time. A new company known as the Canyon Resort company, has

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